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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to pursue its policy of extrajudicial killing of Palestinian civilians. Yesterday night, three more Palestinians were assassinated when Israeli helicopter gunships fired several rockets at their car with the intent of killing the passengers: Mohammed Ahmed Besharat, Ayoub Besharat and Sameh Anwar Abu Hineish, in the vicinity of the village of Qabatiye near the town of Jenin. Also yesterday, Israeli occupying forces killed two Palestinians and claimed that the killing was a result of an exchange of fire. In addition, a 15-year-old Palestinian boy died yesterday from bullet wounds sustained on Friday, 29 June 2001.

The above-mentioned assassinations are additional war crimes committed by Israeli occupying forces for which the Government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is fully responsible. The Israeli Government effectively continues with its war crimes, State terrorism and all kinds of atrocities against the Palestinian people, putting the ceasefire agreement and the plan for implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee (Mitchell Report) in serious jeopardy.

We believe that the United Nations, and specifically the Security Council, must fulfil their responsibility vis-à-vis the current situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, irrespective of the efforts exerted by other parties. The Security Council should play its role in stopping the continuous Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people and in bringing all Israeli atrocities to an effective end.

Since my last letter to you on 25 June 2001 (A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629), seven more Palestinians have been killed, including the martyrs mentioned above. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Regretfully, this brings the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to

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a total of 512 people. At the same time, the total number of Palestinian civilians injured, many severely and permanently, also continues to rise each day.

I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 52 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 25 June 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/253; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; and A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, Wednesday, 27 June, through Sunday, 1 July 2001*

Wednesday, 27 June 2001

Mahmoud Mustafa Mahmoud Emtier (17 years old)

Sunday, 1 July 2001

1. Jamal Dif Allah Hasan Thleiji
2. Mahmoud Musa Jalad
3. Ahmed Mahmoud Yassin (15 years old)
4. Mohammed Ahmed Besharat
5. Ayoub Besharat
6. Sameh Anwar Abu Hineish

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 512.

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In spite of worldwide opposition and condemnation, Israel, the occupying Power, insists on pursuing its policy of extrajudicial killings. On Wednesday, 3 July 2001, Mr. Hazem El-Natche was repeatedly shot and wounded in Hebron by Israeli soldiers belonging to an undercover unit. Furthermore, media reports indicated that the Israeli security cabinet in its meeting, on Wednesday, 3 July 2001, affirmed the continuation of the assassination policy. The recent decision to continue the policy was defended by several Israeli officials.

Since 28 September 2000, Israeli occupying forces have killed 40 Palestinians in 19 assassination attempts. This clearly represents a series of war crimes committed by the occupying Power for which the Israeli Government of Mr. Ariel Sharon is fully responsible. Israeli officials and officers responsible for such war crimes must be held accountable by the international community, in accordance with international law and international humanitarian law.

In addition to its extremely serious legal implications, the Israeli policy of extrajudicial killings and the decision to continue with it destroys the recently concluded ceasefire agreement. Once more, the Government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon must be held fully responsible for the consequences of such perilous decisions. In fact, many recent Israeli actions and statements indicate that the Israeli Government was never serious about complying with the recommendations of the Report of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee (Mitchell Report) and the subsequent understanding on their implementation.

Further, since my last letter to you dated, 2 July 2001 (A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657), I regret to inform you that Israeli occupying forces have killed 2 more Palestinians, one of them today, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 514. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter). The

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number of injuries, many critical, also continues to rise each day as a result of the violent and criminal actions of the occupying forces.

I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 53 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 2 July 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629 and A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657).

As we have repeatedly indicated in the past, the Security Council of the United Nations cannot absolve itself from its responsibility vis-à-vis the ongoing tragic and dangerous situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and in the Middle East as a whole. We once again reiterate our call to the Council to uphold its responsibility and take the necessary measures to save the situation, as well as to ensure compliance with international law, international humanitarian law and existing Palestinian-Israeli agreements.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 5 July 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 3 July through Thursday, 5 July 2001)

Tuesday, 3 July 2001

Radwan Ibrahim Eshtay'a

Thursday, 5 July 2001

Nasser Abed

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 514.

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Israel, the occupying Power, has once again committed the crime of demolishing Palestinian homes in two separate attacks. Yesterday, during the early morning hours (Palestine time), Israeli army bulldozers accompanied by scores of armed soldiers destroyed 26 houses and 12 shops in the Rafah refugee camp, leaving more than 150 people homeless. The Israeli demolitions, which caused intense panic and fear among the residents of the camp, took place while they were sleeping. On Monday, 9 July 2001, Israeli bulldozers demolished 14 Palestinian homes in the Shufat refugee camp in Occupied East Jerusalem.

These criminal actions by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, are part of the ongoing Israeli bloody military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people since 28 September 2000. The government of Mr. Ariel Sharon is fully responsible for that campaign, including war crimes and State terrorism being committed against the Palestinian civilian population under occupation as well as all the ensuing results and consequences.

Furthermore, on Saturday, 7 July 2001, Israeli soldiers wilfully killed an 11-year-old Palestinian boy without any serious justification. In the same incident, Israeli soldiers seriously injured a 10-year-old and a 13-year-old boy. Israeli officials had to state that they were investigating the killing, a claim they have used on several occasions in the last few months but which has never materialized. Also, today, a Palestinian woman was killed when Israeli soldiers shot at a Palestinian taxi at a West Bank checkpoint. Again, this brutal killing occurred without any serious justification.

Since my last letter to you dated 5 July 2001 (A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669), I regret to inform you that Israeli occupying forces have killed three more Palestinians, including the above-mentioned martyrs, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 517. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to

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the present letter.) In addition, dozens more Palestinian civilians have suffered injuries, many severely, as a result of the violent actions and attacks carried out by Israeli occupying forces.

Moreover, I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 54 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 6 July 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657 and A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669).

The Israeli bloody military campaign, including Israeli war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people, must be brought to an end before more lives are lost and greater destruction is caused. The international community, and the United Nations Security Council in particular, is duty-bound to take action regarding the ongoing tragic and dangerous situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. We once again reiterate our call to the Council to do that and to take the necessary measures to ensure compliance with international law, international humanitarian law and existing Palestinian-Israeli agreements.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Saturday, 7 July, through Wednesday, 11 July 2001)

Saturday, 7 July 2001

Khalil Ibrahim Al-Maghrabi (11 years old)

Wednesday, 10 July 2001

Nafez Aiesh Al-Nazr

Thursday, 11 July 2001

Rasmiah Al-Jabareen

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 517.

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Israel, the occupying Power, persists with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. In the early hours of today (Palestine time), in a sharp escalation of violence and in gross violation of the ceasefire agreement, Israeli tanks entered and shelled an area under full Palestinian control in the city of Al-Khalil (Hebron). The Israeli shelling was indiscriminate and caused a large number of injuries, as well as intense panic and fear among the residents. The shelling resulted in the vast destruction of Palestinian property, including the destruction of a power station, a Palestinian police station and homes belonging to Palestinian civilians.

Furthermore, Israeli settlers, who have been illegally transferred by the occupying Power to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, in grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and in total violation of relevant Security Council resolutions, continued with their atrocities against Palestinian civilians, property and crops. In a serious and dangerous development, Israeli settlers torched homes, shops and orchards belonging to the Palestinian residents in Al-Khalil (Hebron).

Today, in what appears to be yet another extrajudicial killing of Palestinians perpetuated by the Israeli occupying forces, a car was set to explode using a remote control device, instantly killing Fawaz Badran El-Shayeb in the town of Tulkaram. This comes in spite of worldwide condemnation of the Israeli criminal policy of targeted assassinations.

Yesterday, Israeli occupying forces rolled in tanks and shelled the city of Nablus. In addition to causing destruction and devastation to Palestinians and their property, this attack claimed the life of a Palestinian police officer and seriously injured scores of Palestinian civilians. We hold the Israeli government of Mr. Ariel Sharon responsible for the above-mentioned war crimes and State terrorism

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committed by the Israeli occupying forces as well as by the illegal settlers against our people.

Since my last letter to you, dated 11 July 2001 (A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686), I regret to inform you that Israeli occupying forces have killed 2 more Palestinians, including the above-mentioned martyr, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 519. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) At the same time, the total number of Palestinian civilians injured, many severely and permanently, also continues to rise each day.

Moreover, I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 55 letters addressed to you on this grave matter, dated from 29 September 2000 to 11 July 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES/10-/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669 and A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686).

We call upon the international community and the United Nations Security Council in particular to undertake the necessary measures to bring an end to Israel's bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people, as well as to ensure compliance with international law, international humanitarian law and existing Palestinian-Israeli agreements.

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Thursday, 12 July, through Friday, 13 July 2001)

Thursday, 12 July 2001

Mohammed Abu Fayad

Friday, 13 July 2001

Fawaz Badran El-Shayeb

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 519.